

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Action dated August 7, 2003.

The claim amendments included herein are merely clarifying amendments and are not meant to change the intended scope of the claims. Thus, the amendments present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, and they should be entered in due course. Moreover, the amendments are manifest, requiring only a cursory review by the Examiner, thereby providing additional ground for their entry.

Claims 1-8 were pending in the application. In the Final Action, claims 1-8 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1-8 have been amended. Claims 1-8 thus remain for consideration

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§102 and 103 Rejections

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Glenn (U.S. Patent No. 5,978,023).

Claims 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glenn in view of Hori (U.S. Patent No. 6,259,478).

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable over Glenn and Hori.

Applicant's invention is directed toward an apparatus and method in which an image sensor outputs an image-sensing signal. Each of the claims recites that "a state is provided for storing still pictures according to [a] progressive scan mode." Neither Glenn nor Hori, discloses storing still pictures according to a progressive scan mode. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1-8 are patentable over Glenn and Hori – taken either alone or in combination – on at least this basis.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the Applicant's undersigned attorney and, in the event that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

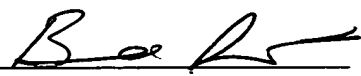
If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit
any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account
No. 50-0320.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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